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PARTIAL CONFIDENTIAL
(IN SEALED ENVELOPE)

Re: Docket No. 04-0180-Hawaii Superferry, Inc. Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Engage in Operations as a Water Carrier Pursuant to Hawaii Revised Statutes § 271G-10

Dear Mr. Garibaldi:

To facilitate our review in the above-mentioned docket, please respond to the following information requests within ten (10) days of the date of this letter

- PUC-IR-1 Does the proposed action or project described in the above-referenced Application trigger the Hawaii environmental review process set forth in chapter 343, Hawaii Revised Statutes? If so, which agency is addressing this issue?
- PUC-IR-2 It is our understanding that the Department of Transportation ("DOT") has completed a draft environmental assessment for its Kahului Harbor Commercial Harbor Improvement project. Please confirm whether this understanding is accurate, and whether such draft environmental assessment also encompasses the proposed action or project described in the above-referenced Application. Please confirm whether the DOT also plans to complete the environmental reviews requirement for any improvements at its harbors situated at Honolulu, Oahu, Nawiliwili, Kauai and Kawaihae, Hawaii, proposed ports to be utilized for the proposed action or project described in the above-referenced Application.
- PUC-IR-3 Please provide a list of all permits, licenses or approvals required for the proposed action or project described in the above-referenced Application, the agencies responsible for the issuance of such permits, licenses or approvals and the date or anticipated date of each such issuance or approval.

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- PUC-IR-4 Please specify, on page 21 of Appendix A of Tariff No. 1, attached to the Application, the days on which the two vessels anticipated to be placed into service will be operating.
- PUC-IR-5 Confidential information deleted pursuant to Protective Order No. 21190 and included separately.
- PUC-IR-6 Response to CA-IR-7b states that a formal response from MARAD, in the form of a Letter of Commitment by the Maritime Administration for the Title XI debt guarantee was expected by October 31, 2004. Please provide the Commission with a copy of this response.
- PUC-IR-7 Confidential information deleted pursuant to Protective Order No. 21190 and included separately.

Your consideration and timely response to these information requests are appreciated. Should you have any questions regarding any of the above, please feel free to contact the undersigned at 586-2047.

Sincerely,



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